

A FORTUNE AT ROULETTE.

A Possible Winning of \$22,680 on
a Fifty-cent Piece.

(New York Telegraph.)

"Looks as though there was something in this thing of being born under a lucky star, after all," remarked Abe Bradford, the old-time sport, as he tipped his chair back to get a better view of the paddock, where the horses were being saddled for the next race. "At least, that is my impression after looking at the young man dressed in gray clothes over there. See him, the one with the field glasses?"

"When I first knew that young man he was doing the best he could on a newspaper out west. I guess some of you fellows know what that means—especially on a western newspaper."

"At that time I was in the town promoting a street railway line. I had everything in a satisfactory manner, the road was under construction, and I was just clearing up a few minor details before jumping out for some new town to conquer. I had met this young man several times, and had taken a great fancy to him, for he was a jolly, whole-souled sort of a chap whom anyone would like."

"Several times I had talked with him and asked him why he did not go east, where the chances, in my opinion, for a bright young man were so much better. For if you know anything about the conditions of the country, you know things have reversed themselves since the days of Horace Greely, and now it is 'Go east, young man, after you have grown up.'"

"But nothing I could say would convince him. He said he would go east when the proper time came—when his luck pointed that way. It was this young man's firm belief that he was born under a lucky star, and that everything would go well with him in time."

"Of course, I laughed about it at the time, but from later developments it seems he knew of what he was talking. I was just about ready to leave town one night when I met the young man in question, about half past seven and having a merry time generally."

"How is the lucky star?" I asked, for want of something better to say. "She shines tonight," she shines to-night," he answered in a sing-song tone, and went on his way rejoicing."

"The rest of the story was told to me by a man who was a member of the party the young man was in."

"It seems they got particularly mellow before morning, especially the young man in question. They finally did as many drunken men do—hunted up a place where they could gamble, and gamble they did."

"My young friend on the lawn down there had a number of small silver pieces in his pocket. He drew them out, and placed the large sum of 50 cents on '17.'"

"Then he turned to his friends and amused himself by making faces at them while the little ball spun around. 'Seventeen,' called the dealer, and placed upon the young man's silver a stack of checks amounting to \$17.50."

"The young man let the money 'ride' and continued making faces while the little ball spun again."

"Seventeen," again called the man at the wheel, as the ball clicked into the slot."

"The dealer stacked up on the young man's checks calling for \$630, making a total of \$648 'riding' on '17.' The young man continued making faces."

"Now, if you know anything about roulette, you know that 'repeaters' are infrequent, and that 'double repeaters' come but once in a lifetime—that is, when a man has left his money on them. Therefore, the dealer saw an opportunity to recover the money the house already had given out in checks, and spun the ball without giving the young man a chance to say a word or to pull down his money."

"But the young man did not want to say anything. He was too busy making faces."

"The little ball spun round and round, while sober players from other tables held their breath. Again the ball clicked in the slot."

"Seventeen," said the dealer, when he recovered from his astonishment. The beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead as he counted out checks and calling for \$22,680, he stacked the markers for them up on '17.'"

"Again he started the ball whirling. It could not happen four times in succession, he thought, and he was making a desperate play to get back the money for the house. That was proper. It was what he was paid for."

"He counted with the host of the evening, however, for the proprietor of the place broke through the crowd about the table and grabbed up the ball as it was spinning, and exclaimed: 'You know I never turn for anything I cannot pay,' he said to the dealer, 'and if that number wins again never will have enough money to pay off.'"

"That ended the ascent of the lucky star. The young man was bundled out of the house and placed in a cab, with a few dollars in his pocket, which he spent before he went to bed. The next morning he was wondering where he was to get the price of a 'brace' and breakfast, when a messenger from the gambling house brought him a check for the entire sum of his winnings of the night before."

"Of course, the speculation regarding braces and breakfast ended at once, and for a few days the young man and all his friends had a good time. Then he got sober enough to think wisely, and invested over \$20,000 in stocks which then were below par, but which now yield a handsome income."

"He came to New York, of course, but the vicissitudes of Park Row life worry him not at all. When I first met him here he laughed as he said: 'Well, old sport, I told you my star would rise.'"

"Perhaps it did," concluded Bradford, "but I think the luckiest part of it was that he met an honest gambler. If the proprietor of the house had been thirty seconds later in reaching the table the young man's checks would not have been worth 30 cents—else they would have been too numerous to count—and it's odds on they wouldn't."

"What do you like in the next race?"

"Travson to the Czar."

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

"Ha, Whoopkoff, you are the very man I have wanted to see so much!" "Hush, Denidoff. Draw aside lest the secret police get wind of us and we are pinched."

"Yes, Whoopkoff, I will be prudent. And now tell me where is Skoopsky?" "What! Do you not know?"

"Know? You alarm me. What has happened?"

"The very worst! Poor Skoopsky is on his way to Siberia!" "Alas, alas! How did it happen?"

"We do not know. There must have been a traitor in the campsky. The secret police seized him just as he was tacking a card to the doorway of the palace of the czar!"

"Merciful Nicholas! And then?" "And then they hurried him to the mines."

"Without a trial?" "Without a trial!"

"Great Gortchakoff! And what, oh, what was within the fatal card?" "Girl wanted!"

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All Wraps at Half Prices. One Hundred Silk Waists at Half Prices.

MOST ACCEPTABLE OF GIFTS.

Despite the season lateness there is a pretentious stock here yet of most fashionable wraps. In the more elegant styles there has never been a duplicate of any, either here or hereabout—exclusive, individual, are they that come from over the water and mark the ultra of style from which all others are variations. These are made from finest cloth, silk or velvet, exquisitely lined with silk, in Coronation, box or blouse shape, either plain or handsomely trimmed. But for those wanting the less elaborate, the best of selection is here, too. Kersey, covert, broadcloth in Monte Carlo, box, tight-fitting, plaited back and so on; short, long and three-quarter styles. Prices begin at \$6.75 and by easy stages go to \$100.00. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—HALF THESE PRICES.

The silk waists. One hundred to choose from. As choice styles and beautiful silks as the season has known—indeed, many are the charming waists that women want now, either for day or evening wear. Shirt waists made of taffeta, peau de soie, satin foulard; in polka dot, plain colors and Persian effects; tucked, plaited, plain and trimmed styles. Prices \$5.00 up to \$13.75—HALF THESE PRICES.

One dozen bodices. Daintiest things for evening. Shell pink peau de soie, with delicate little touches of white here and there, maize liberty silk made over white silk, with large, flowing sleeves, cream with handsome lace trimming, black escorial over white silk, pale blue and some others; no two alike. Imported waists that were \$17.50 to \$40.00 each—HALF THESE PRICES.

Rich Velvets and Beautiful Evening Fabrics Sharply Price Cut GIFTS WORTH WHILE.

Now, then, would you possess or give to some one a rich gown, coat or waist pattern, here is the occasion and certainly the time. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday these savings:—
"Costumers' English Metal Velvet"—produced by patent process and guaranteed as absolutely fast color—black, blues, greens and brown shades, 22 inches wide, never before reduced, instead of \$1.50 a yard—\$1.00.
Velutina in hollow cut cords—exclusive to the Walker Store—guaranteed for wear, comes in all leading shades for waists, gowns, coats, \$1.50 a yard regular, three days—\$1.00.
Costume Velutina—very rich, beautiful quality that comes in these choice colorings, Tolstoi, Mordore, cardinal and beaver, \$2.25 a yard, three days—\$1.65.
Entire assembly of most exquisite evening fabrics—charming Broche Gauzes, Pompadour Muslins, Tissues, Toses, Fillets and some others; kinds that rarely see reduced price; black, cream and colors. Sold at \$1.00 up to \$10.00 a yard. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—ONE-FOURTH OFF REGULAR PRICES.

One Hundred Suit and Skirt Lengths of Dress Goods at Half Prices.

There's every sort of weave, nearly, and every color that the season has shown, in this gathering and hard to satisfy must be the one not able to make a pleasing selection. Enough in any length for entire dress or separate skirt. 75c up to \$4.00 a yard dress goods. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—HALF THESE PRICES.

Pattern Veils Half Price.

Delightful gifts they will make. Twenty-five. Scarcely two alike; blue, red, pink, white, with and without dots and several kinds of fancy borders. Sold at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—HALF THESE PRICES.

All Silk Petticoats One-fourth Off Regular Prices.

The bright, new colorings, plaids and changeables added to the long lines of splendid black silks in best style-effects, diversity and make decided attractiveness for this stock of silk petticoats. A pleasing gift for any woman. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday these savings:—
\$6.75 silk petticoats—\$4.06.
\$13.50 silk petticoats—\$10.13.
\$20.00 silk petticoats—\$15.00.
\$35.00 silk petticoats—\$26.25.
\$10.00 silk petticoats—\$7.50.
\$16.50 silk petticoats—\$12.38.
\$22.50 silk petticoats—\$16.88.

All Neck Ruffs Half Price.

Women's Handkerchiefs to 35c for—15c.

Must be at least one hundred neck ruffs here to choose from, so no difficulty in the matter of variety is there to find the one wanted. Chiffon, net, liberty silk, black, white with black or black and white effects. Regular prices—\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.00 up to \$15.00 each. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—HALF THESE PRICES.
Two hundred women's handkerchiefs. A splendid assortment they make. Some from being in window displays are slightly creased or mused, but not greatly hurt as you will see. Linen, lawn and swiss, sold regularly at 25c, 30c and 35c each, all one priced for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—15c each.

All Untrimmed Felt Hats at Half Prices.

Pretty Ribbons for Little.

All that remain in stock of felt hats for women, misses and children are to be cleared away this week. And goodly variety of stylish shapes are still here that will make into charming hats. Prices begin at 25c, range up to \$2.50. Monday until gone—HALF THESE PRICES.
Probably you've been casting about for an appropriate present for some little tot—these make choice ones; Angora, silk and wool hoods. The entire stock here, 25c to \$5.00 kinds—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF REGULAR PRICES.

Ribbons for any and all purposes at much less price than they should be. Splendid qualities left from the special sale lot that came to us about two weeks ago. Satin Gros-Grains in every color—the 12c for 8c; the 15c for—10c; the 20c for—12c; the 25c for—15c; the 35c for—20c. Beautiful fancy taffetas—the 25c for 15c; the 35c to 60c for—19c.

Baskets, Burnt Leather and Wood Price Reductions.

A clearance of all sweet grass baskets; unique shapes, pretty color combinations. Work baskets—50c, 60c, 90c, \$1.00 to \$2.25, darning yarn and twine baskets, \$1.35 each, hair pin, catch all and other small baskets at 25c to 60c each, all to go Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at—ONE-THIRD OFF PRICES.
Burnt wood pieces—pipe racks, round and square picture frames, clock stands, etc., \$1.50, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each—HALF THESE PRICES.
Burnt leather mail bags that were \$1.00 each and pen-wipers 25c and 35c—HALF PRICED.

Sterling Silver, Ebony and Ebenoid Hair Brushes—Half Price.

Some broken lines—which don't in the least detract from their goodness, beauty or desirability as gifts. The sterling silver brushes sold formerly at \$3.75 each, now reduced to \$1.50. The ebony and ebenoid, silver trimmed, were \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—75c.

Men's Turkish Bath Robes at Reduced Prices. Splendid Gifts.

These are to be found in Domestic Store and represent pretty much all that come made of Turkish toweling. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
White Turkish toweling bath robes with blue girdles, \$3.00 grade for—\$2.00.
Others made of fancy Turkish toweling—the \$4.50 for—\$3.50; the \$6.00 for—\$5.00; the \$7.50 for—\$6.00.

Linen Pieces for Gifts.

Found in linen section. Some plain satin damask doilies, round, edges button holed by hand, two sizes; the \$1.35 marked down to—75c; the 65c to—50c.
Splendid Irish linen tea cloths, tray covers, doilies, buffet scarfs, richly hand embroidered, the smaller pieces marked down to 20c, 25c, 35c and 65c each; larger to \$1.75, \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00.

Men's Furnishings.

Do not forget we still keep a Men's Furnishings Store and that we gathered lavishly for the holiday selling time. Attractive half hose, handsome ties, house coats, handkerchiefs, gloves, suspenders. Assortments of all still very complete.

Boys' Sweaters With Toques to Match.

A splendidly varied stock is here. Red, blue, white in plain colors and the combination kind. Sweaters with toques to match are quite the right thing for boys this winter. See ours. \$1.00 to \$1.75 for sweaters; 25c to 65c for toques.

Toys at Half Price or Close to It.

Arranged in the Toy Store will be separate tables to contain all broken lines of toys; those that have sold down to one, two or three of a kind—which means pretty much every sort of toy here—plainly placarded to sell Monday until Wednesday night closing time like this:—

5c Table—toys up to 10c. 25c Table—toys to 50c.
10c Table—toys to 20c. 35c Table—toys to 60c.
15c Table—toys to 25c.

All Iron Toys Half Price.

The very best kind of toy made, the best to give a child. Complete railroad trains, hook and ladder trucks, hose carts, automobiles, express wagons, coal carts—in fact every iron toy here; 15c up to \$3.50 each regular—HALF PRICE.

Girls' Dresses at Half Prices.

A broken line assortment of about twenty-five. Good, little styles and desirable colors, but the difficulty lies in getting the style, size and color combination in the one dress wanted. If you are not overly particular about that, no trouble will there be. Jacket suits for misses, chevrons and camelhair, in sizes 12, 14 and 16 years and formerly \$12.00 and \$15.00. Girls' waist dresses and sailor suits in sizes 2 to 12 years that were \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00, all to go at—HALF THESE PRICES.

Christmas Slippers for Men and Women.

We never prepared a better stock of slippers for a Christmas showing. The extreme of fashion to the medium, of which most are always sold. Men's slippers made of handsome kidskin, monkey skin, seal, walrus, patent and other leathers, built over fashionable lasts, but comfort as well, has been a consideration, \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Women's slippers for evening wear down to plain comfortable kinds for home only. Suede kid, patent kid, patent leather and all others. \$1.75 to \$5.00. Velvet and felt Julietts \$1.25 to \$1.65.
Children's and Misses' black and red felt Julietts, fur trimmed, in sizes 5 to 2, reduced from \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pair to—60c.

Bed Sets as Christmas Gifts—Reduced Prices

Nothing makes a more refined or dainty bedroom than the sweetly dressed bed. Surely any housekeeper might rejoice at the present of a bed set. This offering takes in the entire stock. All bobbinet sets have deep flounce on coverlet and are prettily trimmed with lace edge and in-serial. The muslin sets have hemstitched swiss flounce trimmed with bands of pink, blue, gold or heliotrope. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.
\$18.00 bobbinet sets for—\$14.00.
\$12.50 bobbinet sets for—\$10.00.
\$9.00 and \$10.00 bobbinet sets for—\$7.50.
\$7.50 and \$8.00 bobbinet sets for—\$6.00.
Muslin \$6.00 sets for \$4.50; the \$4.50 for—\$3.50.

Fur Rugs, Navajo Blankets.

Twenty-four fur rugs—white and color combinations, lined and unlined, 30x60 inches, all new and excellent quality. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday the \$3.00 for—\$2.25; the \$4.00 for—\$3.00; the \$5.00 for—\$3.75.
All Navajo blankets, the genuine kind that came to us direct from Indians through an exploration company, ranging in price from \$5.00 up to \$37.50 each, for three days will have—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF THESE PRICES.

Silk Hosiery and Knit Garments.

There's many an elegant as well as desirable practical gift in these. Read.
Most exquisite silk stockings for women, black daintily embroidered in color and in solid delicate shades to bright, perfectly woven, \$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 a pair. Very fine lisle threads that rank next to silk, plain or embroidered, black, white and colors, 50c to \$2.25.
Women's blue and pink silk vests, low neck, sleeveless, very pretty—the \$1.75 for \$1.25; the \$1.00 for—75c.
Women's handsome black silk union suits—"Portage Knit-to-Fit"—no better made, \$11.00 regular for—\$8.00. Black silk vests reduced from \$4.00 to—\$3.00. Ankle length black silk tights that were \$6.00 for—\$5.00.

The Splendid Bric-a-Brac Showing.

A present for everybody may be found in this very broad exhibit of art things. If parlor, library, den or office is being considered, look it over. Statuary, pedestals, Salsuma, Glissonne, Royal Bonn, Rockwood, Austrian, Bohemian, Japanese art pieces and many others at prices from 25c up to \$100.00 each.

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